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Box No. II Priority	Box No. II Priority				
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims 3-11, 16-24, 27	YES
	Claims <u>1-2, 12-15, 25-26</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 3-11, 16-24, 27	YES
	Claims <u>1-2, 12-15, 25-26</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-27	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

## 2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-2, 12-15 and 25-26 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Hatano et al. (US 6,069,564). Hatano discloses RFID system (Abstract) used to read RFID tags having an antenna configuration (Figs. 3-7B) comprising a first reader antenna (44 in Fig. 4A, or 62a in Fig. 5B) oriented in a first plane, and a second reader antenna (46 in Fig. 4A, or 62d in Fig. 5B) oriented in a second plane wherein the first and the second reader antenna are respectively oriented to reduce dead zones for the reading of RFID tags. Hatono further discloses a third reader antenna (62e in Fig. 5B) in a third plane, wherein the first, second and the third planes are oriented in orthogonal planes relative to one another so as to reduce to zero the number of dead zones for the reading of RFID tags.

Claim 3-11, 16-24 and 27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not fairly teach or suggest the first antenna forming encircling a volume in the first plane and the second antenna being wrapped around two opposing sides of the volume, wherein the opposing sides are parallel to each other and orthogonal to the first plane.

Claim 1-27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus meet industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.